
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2019

AS WE GATHER

The book is only twenty-one verse, but the impact of today's Epistle is powerful! In his shortest New Testament letter, Paul appeals to a slave owner named Philemon on behalf of a repentant runaway named Onesimus. Within this bold appeal is the powerful display of Christ's work of redemption for all who seek the renewed favor of their master. The death and resurrection of Jesus make an appeal on our behalf before the Father. For we, like Onesimus, have run away from Him. And we, like Onesimus, are offered restoration, full and free, when we come into Jesus' presence in humble repentance and faith. Let's do that together this day! As repentant runaways, let's gather to receive the restoration our Master alone can give!

HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783

Stand CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I

pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Ps. 119:28–32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27

P Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

C **My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!**

P Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!

C **I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.**

P I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!

C **I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

KYRIE 

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C *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

P *Glory be to God on High,*

C *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call

heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C **for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

EPISTLE

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister
and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,
⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you— I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he

was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand ALLELUIA 🎵

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according
to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church,

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit **HYMN** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* *LSB 707*

SERMON *"The Cost of Discipleship"* *Luke 14:25-27, 33*

OFFERING

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Stand **OFFERTORY**  *LSB 192*

C *Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of His Church, our nation, the causes of peace and justice, the needs of the sick, and all people as they have need.
- P** You have granted us great privilege and mercy, O Lord, that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully. Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lead us, O Lord, to make Your appeal in love and to speak to the nations the witness of that love in Christ, that the erring may be led to truth, sinners to repentance and the persecuted sustained in their trials. Bless Your Church with wise and caring pastors who will preach faithfully Your Word and administer the Means of Grace to Your people, and continue to guide us in the Calling of a Pastor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, especially our president; the Congress of these United States; our governor; the legislature of this state; and all who serve us in Your name in government. Be with all who serve us in law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless this good land, O Lord, that it may be fruitful and provide a good harvest to supply the needs of many. Bless us with good weather, and preserve us from natural and man-made disasters, famine and pestilence, war and bloodshed. Bless all honest labor and industry, and provide employment for those without work and those without full-time employment. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to all the sick, O Lord, the riches of Your mercy to sustain them in their afflictions, deliver them according to Your will, comfort them with Your presence, and build them up in the hope of new and everlasting life. Be especially with _____ and those we name in our hearts before You. Give them a cheerful countenance and a grateful heart for all Your mercies to them in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You know, Lord, the secrets of our hearts and what would entice us to fall away. Guard us against the love of things, and equip us by Your grace to love You with all that we are and all that we have. Accept, we pray, the tithes and offerings we bring, with the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving, which is our duty and delight. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Preserve us, O Lord, from all temptation, and grant us faith, that we may rest all our prayers and the desires of our hearts in Your merciful arms, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

- P** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

C  *For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI 

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit **DISTRIBUTION**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623

Stand **NUNC DIMITTIS** 

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou
hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922

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